



Town of
Amherst
Massachusetts

Athletic Facilities Strategic Plan
February 28, 2018

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Basic Project Goals

- Identify current space needs and develop concept plans and cost estimates
- Complete a public outreach and needs assessment process to identify and prioritize community needs
- Identify a plan for upgrading facilities and/or building new facilities to meet community needs, safety and gender equity
- Outline a potential implementation process to include funding and phasing strategies

Project Scope

- Demand analysis- define current area usage
- Existing Condition analysis- inventory & assess usable area and potential expansion
- Review of existing maintenance roles/ responsibilities, and issues.
- Conduct Public Outreach Process
- Recreation and Parks Needs Assessment
- Identify Options for Field Planning Efforts
- Develop phasing strategies and identify funding opportunities
- Prepare Final Master Plan

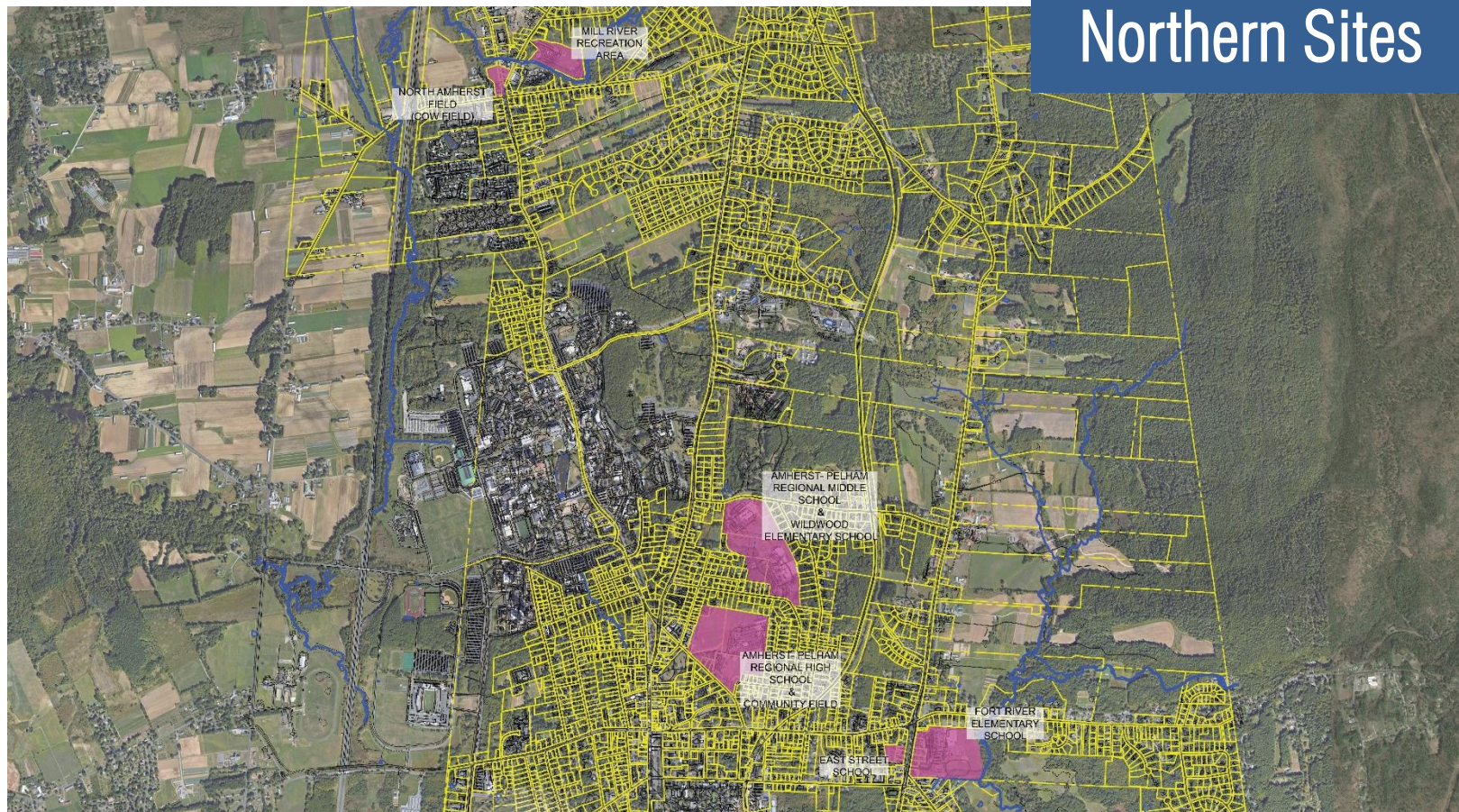
Schedule

- December, 2017 – Site Assessments and Needs Assessment
- February 28, 2018– Public Outreach and Needs Assessment
- March/April, 2018– Identify Options for Planning Efforts and Concept Plans
- April, 2018– Present Initial Recommendations and Establish Priorities
- May 2018– Final Recommendations and Master Plan

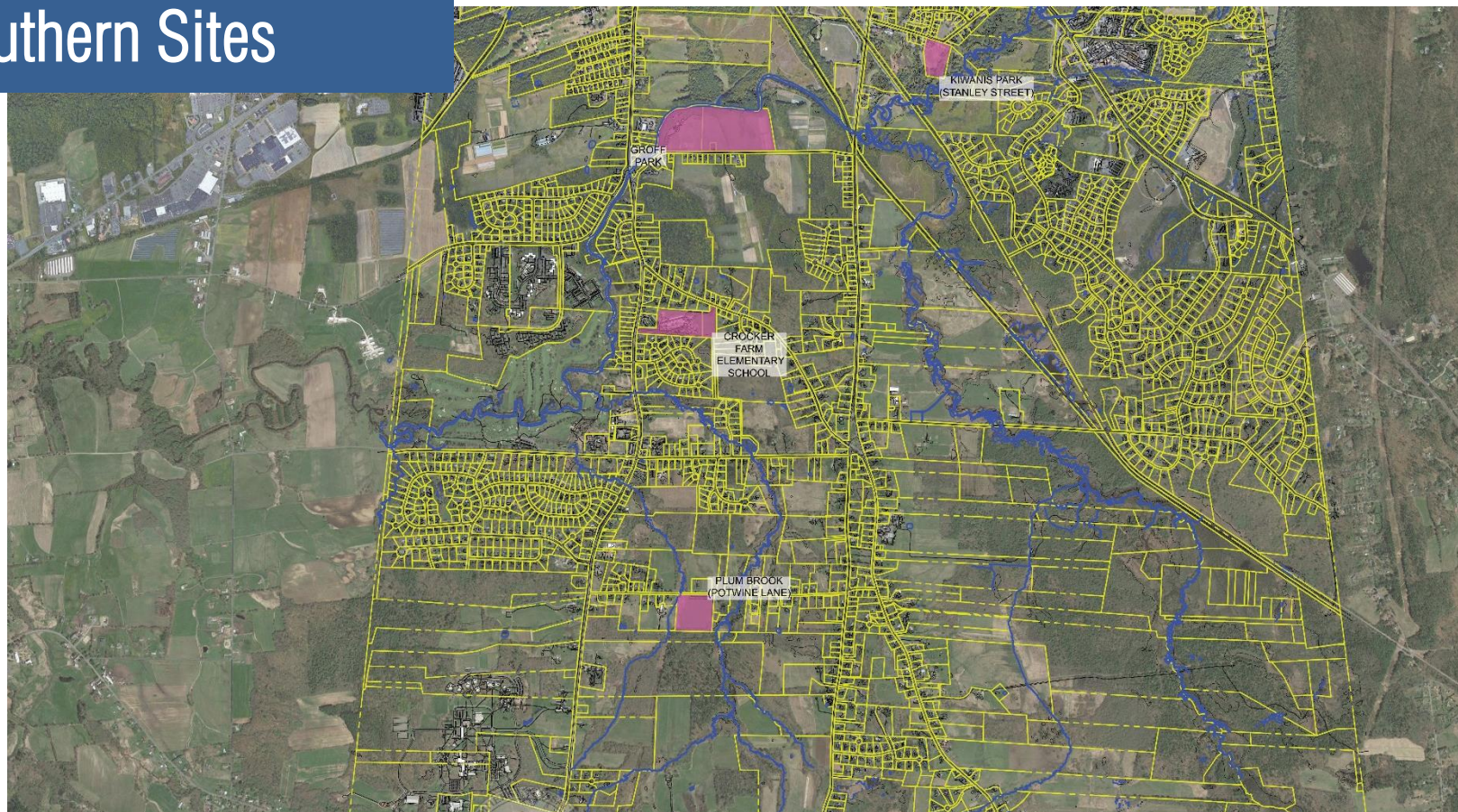
Project Sites

- Amherst-Pelham Regional High School
- Amherst-Pelham Regional Middle School
- Wildwood Elementary School
- Mill River Recreation Area
- North Amherst Field (Cow Field)
- Fort River Elementary School
- East Street School
- Kiwanis Park (Stanley Street)
- Groff Park
- Crocker Farm Elementary School
- Plum Brook (Potwine Lane)

Northern Sites



Southern Sites



Amherst-Pelham Regional High School & Community Field



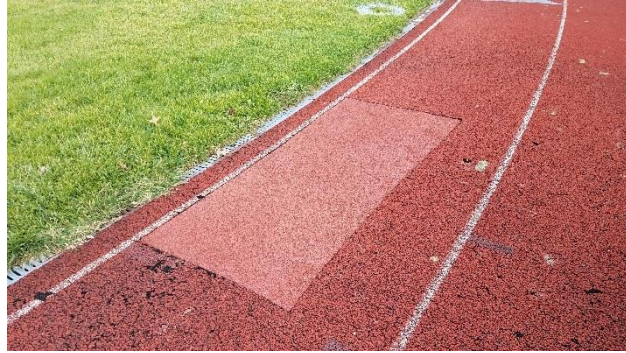
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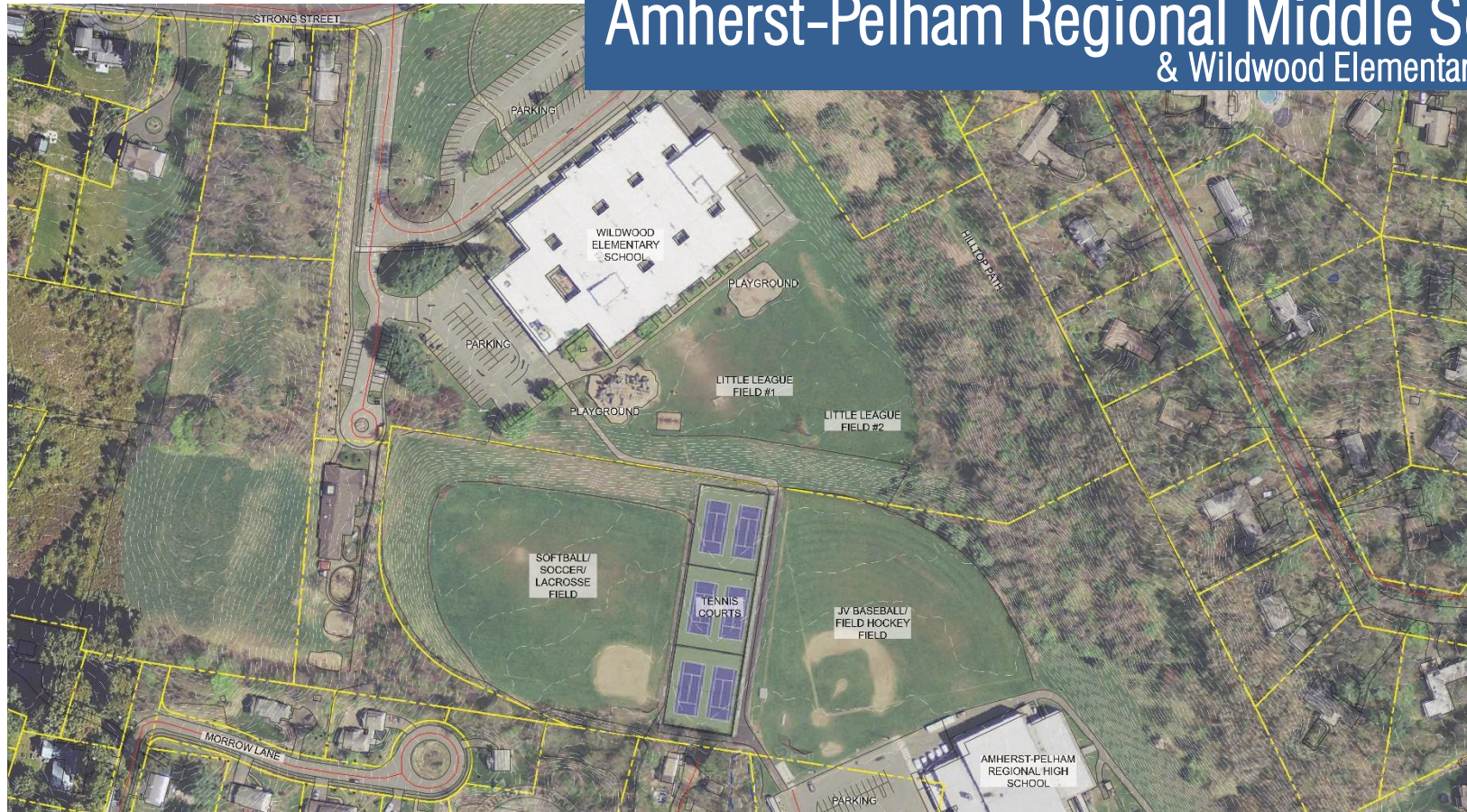
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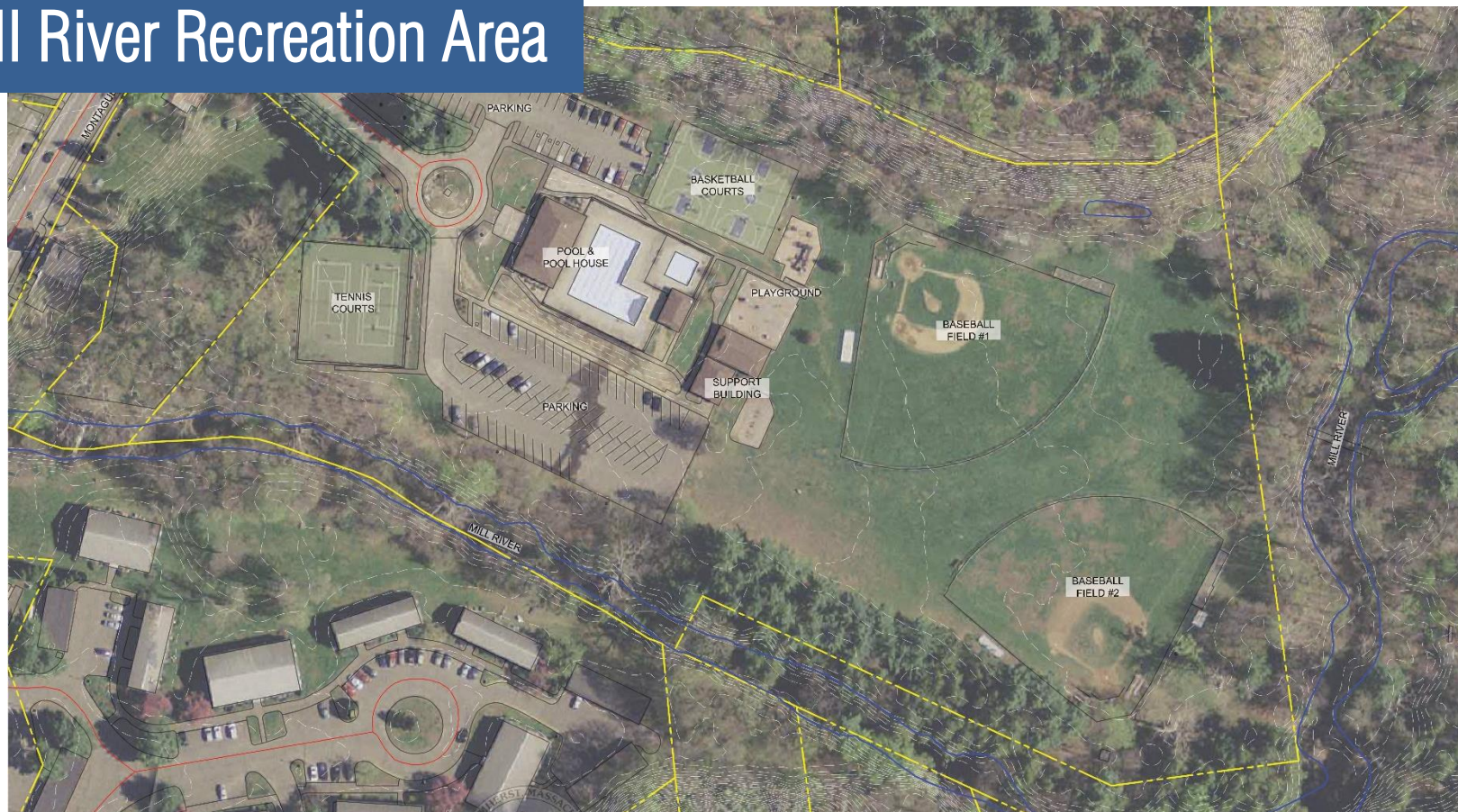
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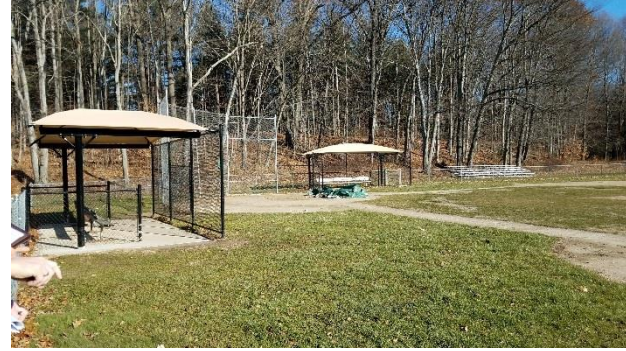
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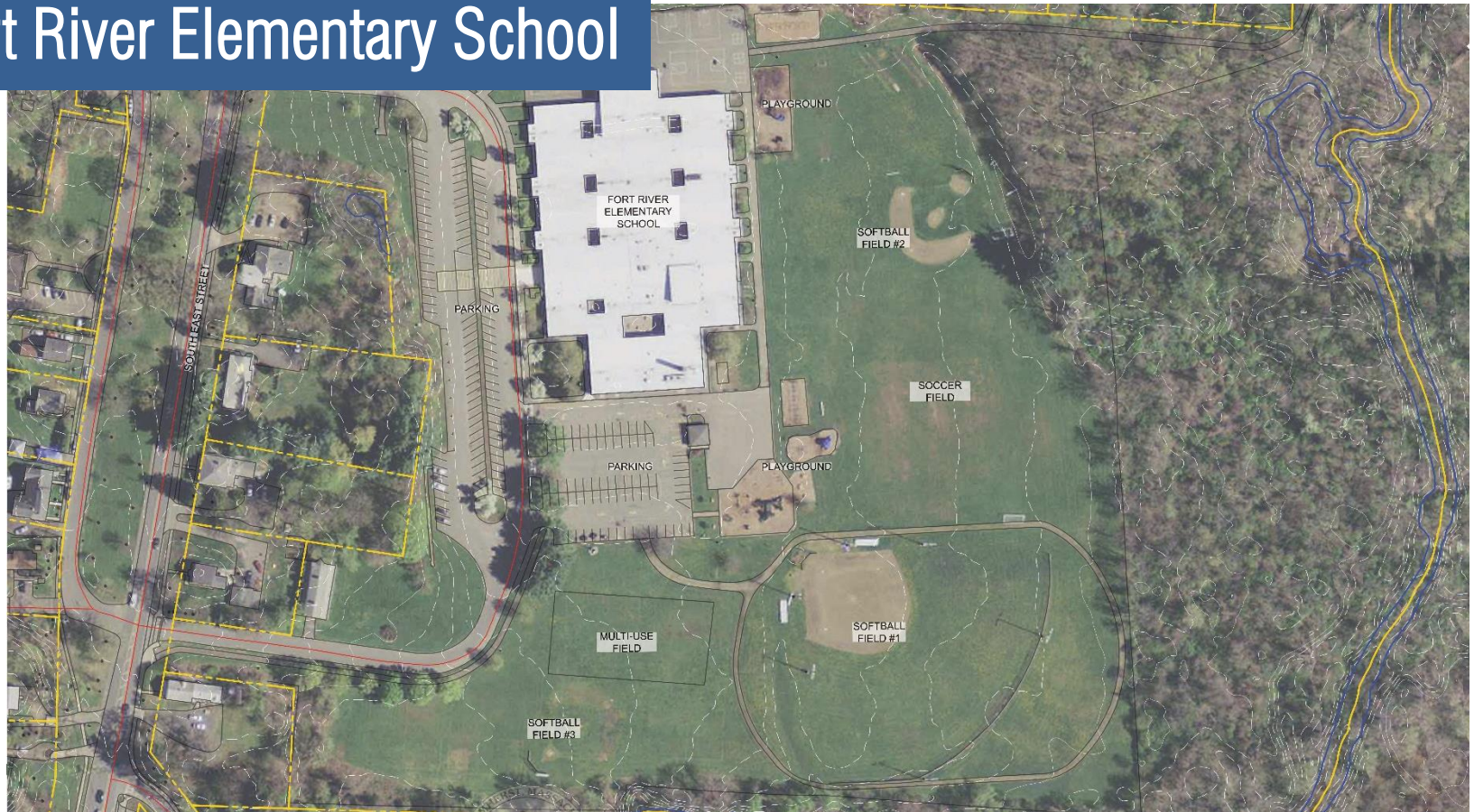
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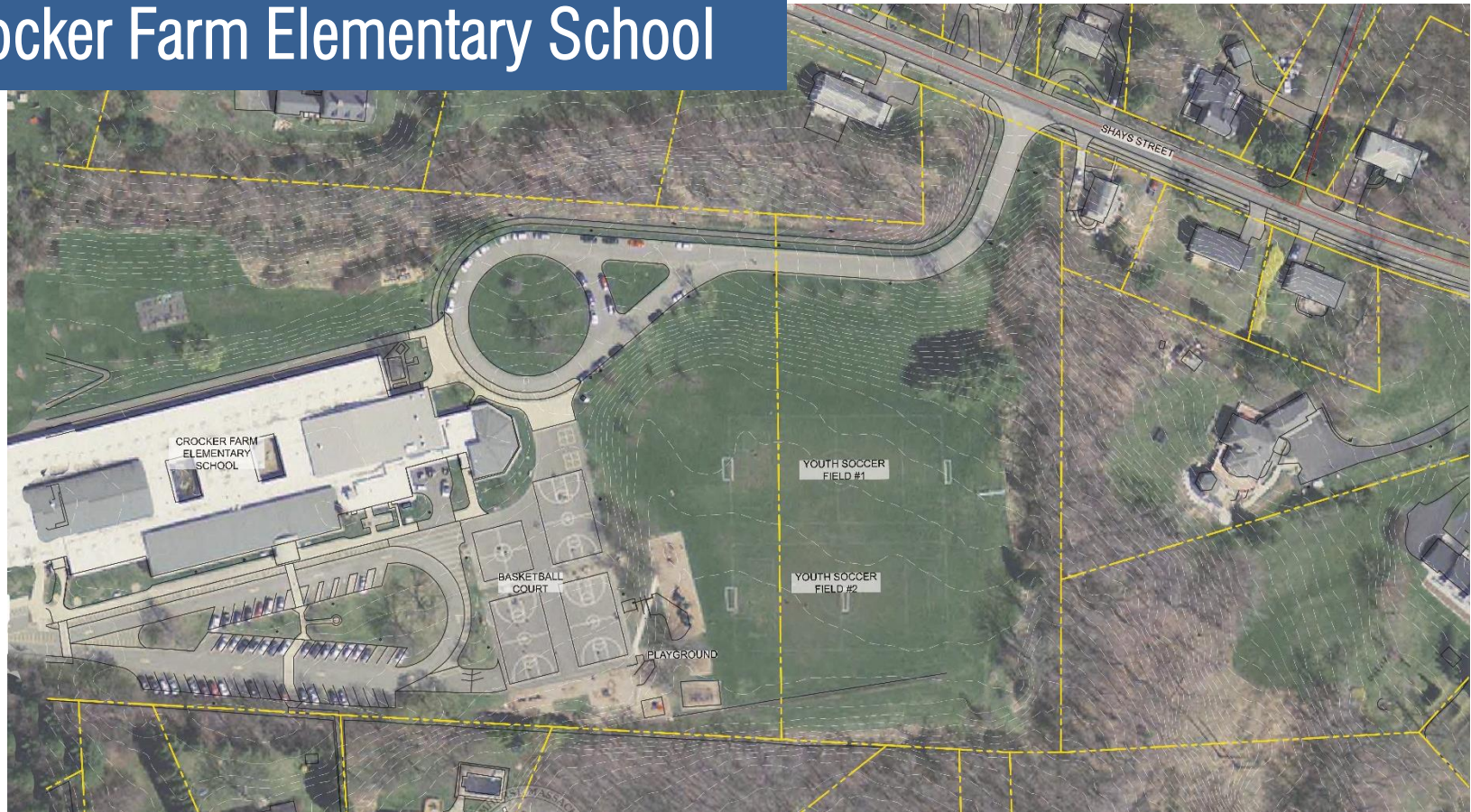
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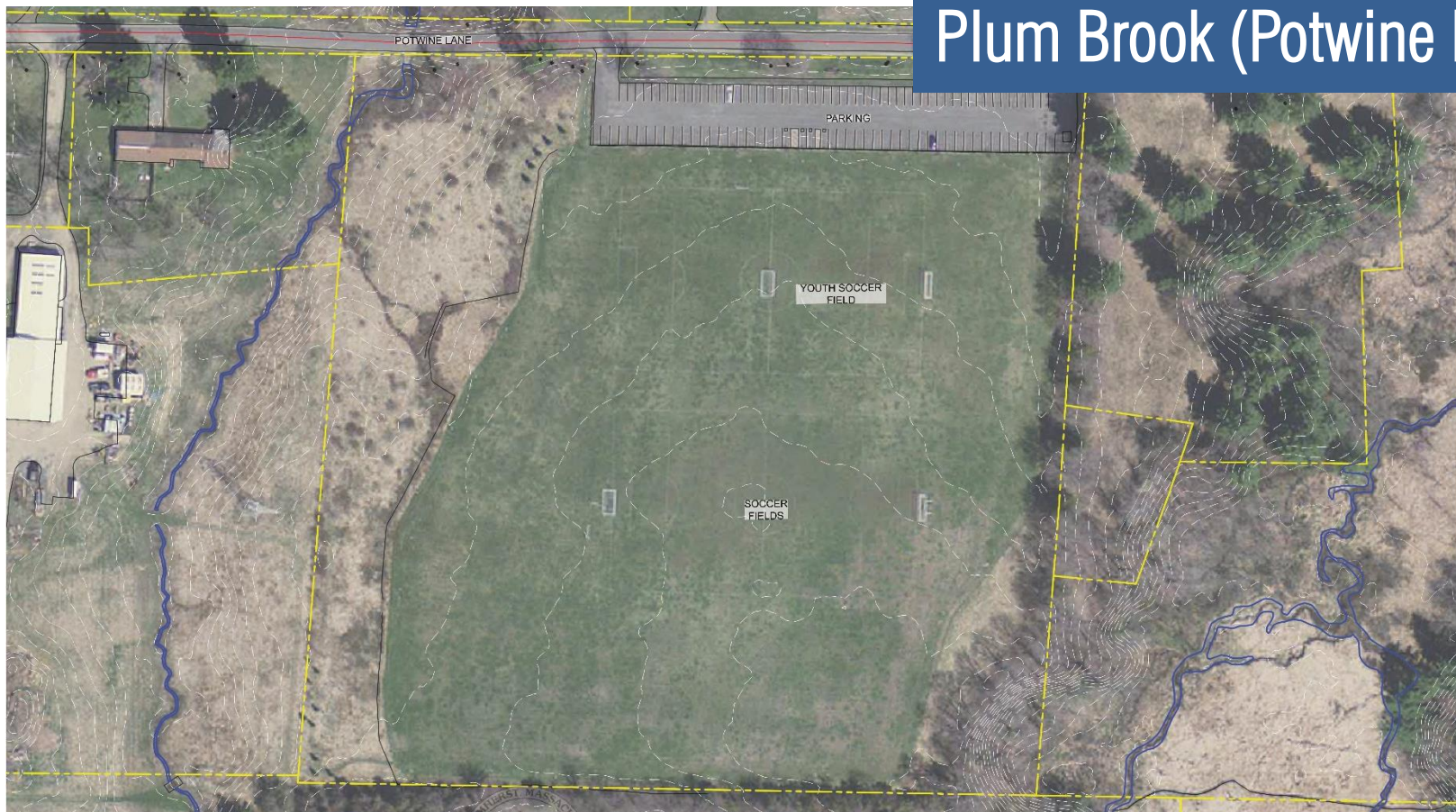
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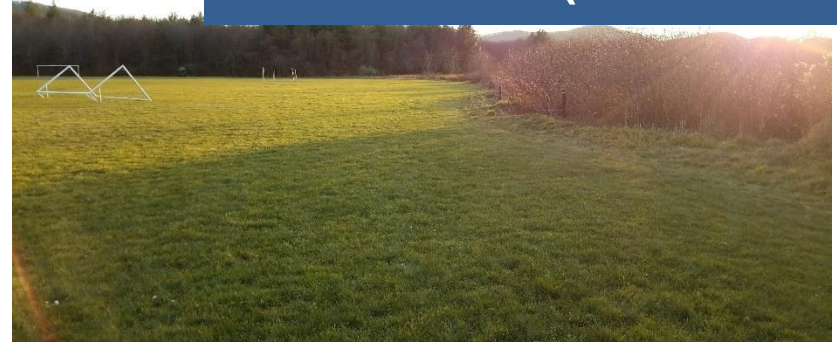
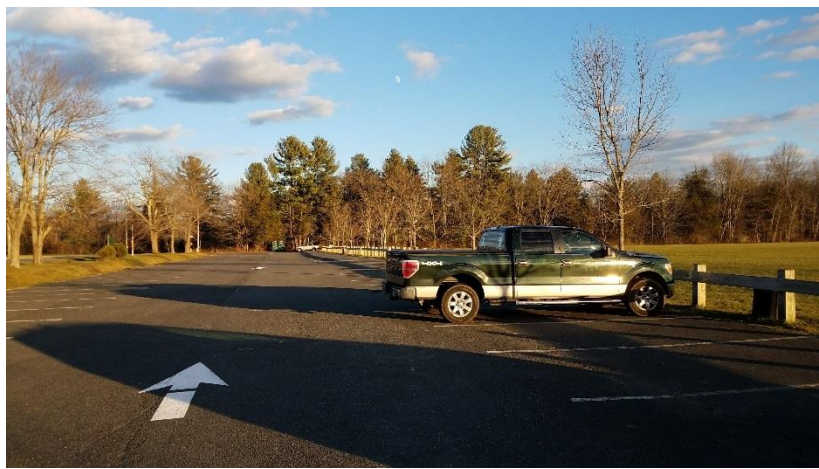
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Needs Assessment

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Site	Field Type	Type / Use	Spring		Summer		Fall		Winter		Yearly Totals		Recommended
			Hours	Athletes	Hours	Athletes	Hours	Athletes	Hours	Athletes	Hours	Athletes	
Amherst- Pelham Regional High School	Soccer Field	ARRHS Boys & Girls Soccer											
		ARRHS Cross Country Boys & Girls					300	30					
		PE Class	120	25			20	90					
		Tournament- Amherst Invite Ultimate	20	640			120	25					
		ARRHS Ultimate Frisbee	120	40									
		Total Usage	260	705	0	0	440	165	0	0	700	870	
	Track & Field	LSSE Superior Youth Track	12	95									
		ARRHS Boys/ Girls Track & Field	120	100									
		ARRHS Boys/ Girls Track & Field	120	60									
		Total Usage	252	255	0	0	0	0	0	0	252	255	
	Field Hockey	ARRHS Girls Field Hockey					130	30					
		ARRHS Girls Ultimate Frisbee	120	50									
		Total Usage	120	50	0	0	130	30	0	0	250	80	
	Back Practice Field	ARRHS Football Practice					125	30					
		ARRHS Boys Varsity/ JV Lacrosse	125	50									
		Amherst Youth Lacrosse	50	60									
		LSSE Lacrosse Camp			15	25							
		Total Usage	170	110	15	25	125	50	0	0	310	185	
	JV Soccer/ Girls Lacrosse Field	ARRHS JV Boys/ Girls Soccer					240	70					
		ARRHS Girls Lacrosse	130	40									
		Amherst Youth Lacrosse	25	60									
		LSSE Soccer Camp			15	25							
		Total Usage	155	100	15	25	240	70	0	0	410	195	
Community Field (Town Property)	Baseball Field												
		Total Usage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Softball Field												
		Total Usage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Football Field												
		Total Usage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Key Issues

- Equity Among All Sports
- Field Use | Conflicts
- Access | ADA Access
- Field Conditions | Drainage
- Safety Issues
- Parking
- Spectator Seating
- Building Conditions
- Lack of Multi-generational Activities
- Identify availability
- Worn, Dated, Fencing and Amenities
- Areas of difficult Maintenance
- Local vs. regionally owned
- Prioritize Projects
- Proper Planning Process

Wants and Needs

- Regulation size fields
- New track
- Improved facilities
- Additional multi-use fields
- Fewer overlapping rectangular fields
- Improved existing fields
- Walking, biking and fitness trails
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- Improved pedestrian | ADA circulation
- Improved parking
- Picnic/seating areas
- Informal playing areas
- Space for passive activities
- Playgrounds
- Pool bath house renovations
- Allocation of funding
- Others?

Open Discussion

Questions | Comments



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